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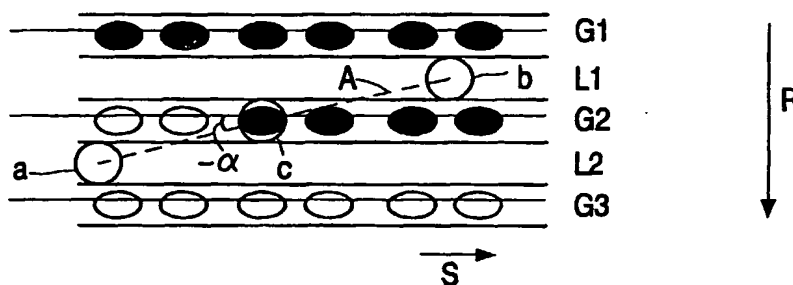
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(57) Abstract: A method of scanning an optical recording medium having data storage regions arranged in generally concentrically arranged track sections therein, the method comprising rotating the optical recording medium such that the disk moves in a spinning direction (S) with respect to a scanning spot, and maintaining tracking in a radial sense using a push-pull radial error signal generated by detecting push-pull signals from at least three radiation spots formed on the disk, a main spot (c), a forward spot (a) and a rear spot (b), to move the spots in a radial scanning direction (R) during a plurality of rotations of the disk, wherein the forward spot scans the optical recording medium in a position which is tangentially offset from the main spot in a direction opposite to the spinning direction, and the rear spot scans the optical recording medium in a position which is tangentially offset from the main spot in a direction coinciding with the spinning direction, characterized in that the method comprises positioning the three radiation spots with radial offsets such that the forward spot is located in a position which is radially offset from the main spot in a direction coinciding with the radial scanning direction, and such that the rear spot is located in a position which is radially offset from the main spot in a direction opposite to that of the radial scanning direction.

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